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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached forms PTO-1449. Copies of the International Search Report and the references cited therein were supplied when this application entered the U.S. national phase.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the British Search Report. Except for the U.S. patents, copies of these references along with English language abstracts are enclosed herewith. Also enclosed are copies of the Kim et al and Stenberg et al articles, the NREL article, an Abstract of the Makromol. Chemistry article, EP 105933 and EP 102759.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 forms.

Respectfully submitted,

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